

Keeping Air Ambulance Costs Grounded

Air ambulance transportation is very costly. Most non-participating air transport companies charge 500% - 1500% of what Medicare would allow for the same service.

The Situation

When medically necessary transportation is scheduled and a patient is transported without utilizing an available participating air transport company, State Plan members are left at the mercy of non-participating air transport companies' exorbitantly billed charges.

State Plan benefits will cover up to an allowed amount that is accepted by participating air transport companies, but patients who utilize a non-participating air transport company are often balance billed any remainder, with many owing \$20,000 - \$50,000 in charges after the State Plan has reimbursed the provider.

The Solution:

Refer to the below list of participating air ambulance companies:

These companies have agreed to accept the allowed amount determined by Allegiance as payment in full and will not balance bill for charges in excess of the allowed amount.

Allegiance In-Network Providers	Phone Number	Fixed Wing	Rotary Wing	NICU Transfers	Based out of:
Benefis Healthcare	800.972.4000	x	×	×	Great Falls, MT
Billings Clinic Hospital	800.325.1774	x	Ĭ.	×	Billings, MT
Kalispell Regional Healthcare	866.302.9767	x	x	×	Kalispell, MT
Life Flight Network	800.232.0911	x	x	x	Butte, Bozeman & Missoula MT
Montana Medical Transport	406.442.2190	x			Helena, MT
NE Stat Air Ambulance	800.992.7828	x			Glasgow, MT
St. Vincent's Flight Inc.	800.538.4357	x	x	x	Billings, MT
Valley Med Flight, Inc.	800.828.0168	x			Sidney, MT & Williston, ND
American Aerovac Inc.	800.423.5993	x	x		For transfer any place in the US
AMR Air Ambulance	800.424.7060	×		x	For transfer any place in the US

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